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## News Release

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### **KCCSW accepting entries for Women's History Month essay contest**

LĪHU'E — The Kaua'i County Committee on the Status of Women is seeking entries for the 2023 Women's History Essay Contest from high school students in private, public, charter, and home schools on Kaua'i.

This year's essay contest theme is: "Your silence will not protect you." This is a famous quote by American civil rights leader, Audre Lorde, who dedicated her life to confronting racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia through community organizing, writing, and teaching. "Your silence will not protect you," asks high schoolers on Kaua'i to research a threat to girls and/ or gender non-conforming people locally, nationally, and/ or internationally that they are passionate about and to formulate potential solutions to this equity and justice issue.

The committee invites students to write a one-page essay answering the question: "What is a social justice issue that impacts girls and/or genders non-conforming persons, and what are potential solutions?"

For essay rules and entry forms, visit the committee website, [kauai.gov/kccsw](http://kauai.gov/kccsw). Essays are due by 5 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2023, by email to [smuragin@kauai.gov](mailto:smuragin@kauai.gov). Winners will be selected by a panel of judges and will receive cash prizes.

The Kaua'i County Committee on the Status of Women is part of the County of Kaua'i Office of Boards and Commissions and the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, which develops

and promotes education, interactive opportunities on issues relating to women and girls, prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls, and encouragement of health and wellness awareness.

For more information, contact Sandra Muragin, Office of Boards and Commissions, 808-241-4919 or [smuragin@kauai.gov](mailto:smuragin@kauai.gov), or visit the committee website at [kauai.gov/kccsw](http://kauai.gov/kccsw).

Anyone needing an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability may contact Anela Segreti at 808-241-4917 or [asegreti@kauai.gov](mailto:asegreti@kauai.gov) as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill any requests. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, braille, or electronic copy.

*Presented by the Kaua'i Committee on the Status of Women*

# **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST**

*CASH AWARDS for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place*

**"YOUR SILENCE WILL NOT PROTECT YOU"  
-AUDRE LORDE**

*What is an equity and justice issue that impacts girls  
and/or gender non-conforming people and what are  
potential solutions?*

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ON KAUA'I ELIGIBLE**

**DUE MARCH 31ST, 2023**

Visit <https://www.kauai.gov/KCCSW> or contact [smuragin@kauai.gov](mailto:smuragin@kauai.gov)



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